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## THE GORDIAN KNOT OF THE EAST

### HAPPIER ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS IN GENEVA

#### WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

#### PRESIDENT TO MAKE STATEMENT IN ASSEMBLY.

Geneva, Yesterday. A calmer and more peaceful atmosphere now prevails in connection with the Manchurian crisis.

The public sitting of the Council this afternoon, as usual, was crowded.

Sympathy for Dr. C. T. Wang.

The proceedings opened with a statement by Signor Larroux who referred to the attack on Dr. C. T. Wang and expressed the Council's unanimous sympathy.

Japanese Representative Deplores Assault.

Mr. Yoshizawa deplored the occurrences in Nanking. He said that Dr. Wang was a personal friend for whom he had great admiration and esteem. He expressed the warmest sympathy for him.

Dr. Alfred Sze thanked the Council for its expression of sympathy, and added that the Government was making every effort to calm public opinion, and thanked Mr. Yoshizawa for his kind words.

A Japanese Statement.

Mr. Yoshizawa then read a long statement in which he was desired to bring to the Council's notice that the Japanese Government had been receiving pressing appeals from their nationals in Northern Manchuria and Chienta asking for the protection of Japanese troops. Although the position of these nationals was disquieting, Government, in its desire not to aggravate the situation, had thought it inadvisable to respond to these appeals.

Withdrawal of Troops.

He further was pleased to announce that the withdrawal of troops was proceeding.

Keep Council Well Informed.

Mr. Yoshizawa added that Colonel Thornhill, British Military Attaché at Peking, was following the evacuation of Japanese troops, and concluded by saying that Government would not fail to keep the Council well-informed of the measures taken for the rapid solution of the difficulty.

Dr. Sze's Suggestion.

Dr. Alfred Sze said that he had heard the statement with great interest, especially that troops were withdrawing, but he

#### SMOOTH SHARE SETTLEMENT.

#### Market Has Quiet Tone To-day.

#### SALES AT LOWER RATES.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

The Settlement having passed off smoothly, the market opened with a quiet tone this morning, and some sales took place at lower rates.

Banks changed hands at \$1,500, but at the close there were buyers at \$1,600.

Cantons were on offer at \$1,600. H. K. Fins could have been obtained at \$1,485.

Steamboats were on offer at \$27. Providents (old) had buyers at \$5.65, and the new shares were also

would have been happier if the troops had all been withdrawn.

In a spirit of conciliation he announces the creation of a Franco-German Economic Commission assisted by a permanent secretariat which is to meet in Germany or France as found desirable to consider all economic problems and seek a new means of disposing of each other's products.

M. Laval and M. Briand are leaving for Paris to-morrow.—Reuter.

Replying, Mr. Yoshizawa again denied the statements from Chinese sources of the massacre of Chinese women and children.

He added that he was unable to give a date for the complete evacuation of the territories at present occupied. He said that he would telegraph the Chinese suggestion relating to the settlement of the problem to his Government.

Sino-Japanese Meeting in Manchuria.

It was then that a long exchange of argumentative speeches between the Chinese and Japanese representatives.

The Japanese representative agreed to a meeting of Sino-Japanese representatives in Manchuria to settle the difficulties, but could not accept the Chinese suggestion of adding other nationalities to that committee.

Viscount Cecil and Direct Negotiations.

Viscount Cecil clinched matters by declaring that direct negotiations should commence without delay, and suggested that, if difficulties were encountered, the question could again be referred to the Council.

Statement to Assembly.

The President closed the sitting declaring that he would make a statement to the Assembly to-morrow.

Replies to Mr. Stimson's Note.

Washington, Yesterday.

The tension in Manchuria could be adjusted by frank and unimpassioned discussions, declares Japan's reply to Mr. Stimson's recent note. Meanwhile, the Military authorities refrain from further hostility unless their interests are jeopardised.

China's reply says, the only way to satisfying the requirements of international law is for Japan to withdraw her troops immediately from the occupied areas and give full redress to China.—Reuter.

In demand at \$27.

Hotels (old) were the medium of sales at \$15.15.

Humphreys (old) were wanted at \$20, and the same remark applies to the new shares, at \$19.50.

Twoes were in demand at \$16.

Trams could have been obtained at \$22.

Star Ferries are on offer at \$35.50.

China Lights were in request at \$28.4.

Cements (combined) were in the market at \$19.

Dairy Farms could have been obtained at \$32.

Lane, Crawford's (old) changed hands at \$3.10, and the new shares were also sold at \$3.50.

Constructions rights were on offer at \$2.

A Justice of the peace at Hobart, Indiana, has announced that he will accept wheat, oats, and other farm produce up to the value of 10s. as a marriage fee.

## FRANCE & GERMANY

### AN ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

#### MUTUAL BENEFIT

#### NEW MEANS OF INTER-TRADE.

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#### DISTURBERS OF THE PEACE.

#### Deterrent Sentences.

(Before Mr. J. A. Fraser).

The hearing of cases in connection with the disorderly scenes of the past few days was continued in the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Inciting the Crowd.

Sergeant Estall gave evidence, and was supported by three men of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, against Wong Chun-on who was charged with disorderly conduct at Ngau Tau Wai Road on Sunday. He was arrested during a mob attack on a coal dealers shop.

On the strength of the evidence, his Worship convicted defendant of inciting the crowd and sentenced him to six months' hard labour.

Disorderly Conduct.

On the evidence of Sergeant Blakey, Tse Kan, a shoemaker, was convicted of disorderly behaviour in Nathan Road, near Argyle Street, on Saturday. A fine of \$250 or three months' hard labour was imposed.

Throwing Stones at Police.

Swen by Sergeant Howel to two stones at a passing party of police, Yeung Kai-cheung was charged with disorderly behaviour at Nathan Road, near Argyle Street on Saturday. He was arrested in the act of throwing a third stone.

His Worship found the man guilty of an assault on the Police and imposed six months' hard labour.

Man Who Shouted "Ta Ta".

A charge of disorderly behaviour was preferred against Ho Lam, who was arrested by Sergeant Whittlecroft during a disturbance in Shanghai Street. Defendant was heard shouting "Ta, Ta." A fine of \$250 or three months' hard labour was imposed.

Assaulting A Police Officer.

Ho Ku pleaded not guilty to assaulting a Police Officer and disorderly behaviour at Mongkok Road on Saturday night. Sergeant Jessop said he saw defendant assault an Indian constable during an attack at 8.45 p.m. During the fracas the constable had his shirt torn off. He was convicted on both charges and sent to jail for six months on the first charge and \$250 or three months on the second charge, the terms to run concurrently.

Throwing Stones at Police Constables.

A similar charge was preferred against Lai Yung in connection with an affair outside Mongkok Police Station on Saturday night. He was seen throwing stones at two Chinese constables, who were walking in Nathan Road. He was convicted of disorderly conduct and fined \$20 to \$30. — Reuter.

Copenhagen, Yesterday.

It is learned from financial circles that Government is introducing a Bill in Parliament to-morrow suspending the Gold Standard, also reducing the percentage of metallic cover for currency from 90 to 88 1/2. — Reuter.

The population of Rome has

#### BANDITS WRECK TRAIN.

#### Passengers Held for Ransom.

#### LATER DETAILS.

Peking, Yesterday. It is now reported that 60 are dead as a result of the Jaoyang-ho train wreck.

Some were killed when the train crashed into the river bed, and others were killed by the bandits, who are reported to have carried off some Chinese passengers for ransom.

There were seven or eight foreigners aboard the train, one of whom, an Indian, was killed, and another Indian was wounded.

Japanese troops and Chinese police arrived on the scene soon

## H. M. THE KING

### RETURNS TO LONDON TO-DAY.

#### FROM BALMORAL

#### DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT?

London, Yesterday. His Majesty the King is returning from Balmoral on Tuesday, and the question of Dissolution of Parliament will probably be settled in the course of the day.

The possibility of an early General Election seems to have receded following Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement in which he defined his attitude yesterday.—Reuter.

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## POSTING UP A NOTICE

### OFFICE BOY CAUGHT IN THE VERY ACT

#### SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR

#### INCIDENT IN OFFICE OF UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

(Before Mr. E. H. Williams).

Under the Emergency Ordinance which came into force on Sunday, Fung Tong, No. 1 boy, employed by the Union Insurance Society of Canton, was charged with possession, and posting up of a pamphlet calculated or tending to cause a breach of the peace.

It was alleged that defendant posted up a notice in the Chinese quarters of the first floor of the Union Building, and was caught in the act yesterday morning by Mr. J. W. Alabaster.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., and Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (political).

Saw Him Post Up the Notice.

In evidence, Mr. Alabaster said that yesterday morning he saw defendant post up a notice on the wall of the Chinese quarters. Witness consulted Mr. Bentley, Secretary of the Union Insurance Society, and suggested that the Police be informed.

After it had been discovered that the notice was of a nature calculated to cause a breach of the peace, witness summoned the defendant to his office where he was detained. Some little while later defendant asked if he could leave the room for a purpose, but this request was refused.

Defendant then suddenly leaped from a chair and attempted to run away. He was caught and detained until the arrival of the Police.

I am constrained to communicate this warning because the Japanese military authorities know to what length Chiang Kai-shek, if pressed, may go in regard to Manchuria. In the course of my conversation on July 30 last with members of the general staff headquarters in Tokyo, I was told—in the sense of an objective historical fact—that Chiang Kai-shek, during his exile in Japan in 1927, sought the assistance of the late General Tanaka (then head of the Japanese Government), and stated that he would not be too critical of what Japan might do with Manchuria in the event of his return to power in China.

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Careaker's Evidence.

Mr. Eric R. Major, caretaker of the Union Building, was the

following an operation for stomach trouble. He was 65 years of age.

The archbishop was the author of many historical and ecclesiastical works, but was known to a wider circle for his untiring efforts to secure world peace.

During the war Dr. Soderblom was one of the neutral notabilities who tried to bring about an early settlement by negotiation, with the result that he was regarded in Germany as pro-British and in Britain as pro-German. He was, in fact, merely anti-war.

After five years' endeavour he succeeded, in co-operation with the late Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom he had been on terms of friendship for many years, in bringing about the Ecumenical Church Conference which met in Stockholm in 1925, and which laid the foundation of future developments that may lead to a universal understanding and co-operation of all the Churches. He was the founder of the World League for the Co-operation of the Churches, and last year he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr. Soderblom was well known in Britain. He had preached in Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals, and last May he delivered the Gifford Lectures in Edinburgh, his subject being "Basic Forms of Personal Belief."

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

#### Reichsbank Authorised to Fix Rates.

#### FROM TO-DAY.

Berlin, Yesterday. The Reichsbank is fixing quotations for foreign exchanges from to-morrow, the Stock Exchange remaining closed indefinitely.

This decision was taken at the request of the Prussian Government by the Reich Cabinet acting in consultation with the Director of the Reichsbank.—Reuter.



## ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS. POLICE RESERVE.

## Reviews from Official Sources.

## "FORBIDDEN ADVENTURE."

King Comedy is blowing his trumpet at the King's Theatre.

The occasion is the arrival of a celebrated comedy, "Forbidden Adventure." This brilliant production manufactures laughs in such a great variety of ways, that a mere reviewer is begogged on the shores of perplexity trying to enumerate them all.

But these basic qualities in "Forbidden Adventure" are outstanding—its imagination, its abundance of scenes, its humanity, its satire, its thrills, and its understanding of the stuff that childhood dreams are made of.

"Forbidden Adventure" combined the best features of such films as "Sweetie," "Tom Sawyer," "It Pays to Advertise," "Fini and Hattie" and "Skippy."

It is based on the humorous novel, "Let's Play King," by Sinclair Lewis, America's greatest living writer. In addition to the rare talents of Mr. Lewis, the film is compounded of the efforts of Milti Green, Edna May Oliver, Louise Fazenda and Jackie Searl, the leading actor, of Edward E. Paramore, Jun., Joseph L. Mankiewicz and Agnes Brand Leahy, film-story writers; and of Norman Taurog, the director (maker of "Skippy").

## "THE DEVIL TO PAY."

To Frederick Kerr, who plays the role of Lord Leeland in Ronald Colman's "The Devil To Pay," now at the Queen's Theatre, goes the distinction of having played in more original-stage productions than any other living actor.

Kerr was born in London in 1858 and started his stage career in America in 1881 as Sir Toby in a revival of Sheridan's "A School for Scandal." He has appeared in more than 200 original productions as well as acting as stage manager and producer in many others.

Among his late productions are "So This Is London" and "The High Road." Kerr was taken from New York City by Samuel Goldwyn to play the role of Lord Melrose in "Raffles." It is his first appearance on the talking screen.

## "DRACULA."

Some of the most picturesque settings in the history of the screen are included in "Dracula," Universal's weird mystery drama which comes to the Central Theatre to-morrow.

Many of the earlier scenes are laid in and about the crumbling stone castle of Count Dracula, an ancient ruler which has been unoccupied for 500 years—except by Dracula and other "undead" vampires who return nightly from the grave, and make of the castle a veritable house of horrors.

There are hair-raising scenes in a graveyard, with a female vampire, risen from the grave, wandering disconsolately among the tombstones.

Amid these settings is enacted what is said to be the screen's strangest story, with the famous Bela Lugosi in the title role of Count Dracula and a cast which also includes David Manners, Helen Chandler, Edward Van Sloan, Dwight Frye, Frances Dade and Herbert Bunston.

## "SINNERS' HOLIDAY."

Although Grant Withers has appeared with many beauties of the

## Orders for the Current Week.

## ACTIVE SERVICE.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:

## General Order.

Attention of all members is drawn to Proclamation No. 4 dated September 27 by H. E. the Governor whereby the Police Reserve is called out for active service until further notice.

All members are subject to the Police Reserve Ordinance No. 24 of 1927.

All leave is cancelled as from Sunday, September 27.

## Chinese Company.

All members are to report for duty as ordered. Members who have not received any detailed orders for duty are to report at Company's Headquarters at 6 p.m. today.

Promotion. — Constables R12 Diam S. K. Chan and R67 Chow Ching-chu have been appointed Lance Sergeant with effect from September 22.

## Indian Company.

All members are to report to their Officer in Charge for duty as ordered.

## Flying Squad.

All members to report for duty as already ordered.

## Sharpshooters' Company.

All members to report for duty as already ordered.

Strength—Constable R433 M. Frizer has been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters Company as from September 28.

(Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R.)

screen, Evalyn Knapp, with whom he is featured in "Sinners' Holiday," the Warner Brothers' and Vitaphone production showing on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre, is the only one to come directly from the stage.

The vigorous young actor made his initial bow to stardom opposite Betty Compson, later appearing with Marion Nixon, Dolores Costello, Corinne Griffith, Billie Dove, and his present wife, Loretta Young.

"Sinners' Holiday" is a thrilling story of love among the racketeers, dealing with amusement park life and a girl's sacrifice, who, to save her lover, dooms her brother.

## "MURDER BY THE CLOCK."

Irving Pichel went to Hollywood to become a motion picture director. He remained to become, instead, one of the film city's most promising character players.

Pichel, for years a conspicuous figure in the little theatre movement both as an actor and director, deferred his debut as a megaphonist to accept a role with Ruth Chatterton in "The Right to Love."

His resultant performance in the judgment of Paramount's West coast executives, stamped him as the one actor ideally to portray the district attorney in Josef von Sternberg's "An American Tragedy." Now much in demand for acting work, Pichel is farther than ever away from a directorial berth.

The newcomer's third important role for Paramount is in "Murder by the Clock" recently filmed from the Rufus King mystery thriller of a man murdered twice on the same night.

Others in the "Murder by the Clock" cast are William Boyd, Lilyan Tashman, Regis Toomey and Sally O'Neill.

This picture comes to the King's Theatre on Thursday.

## RADIO TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 885 metres:

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

6-21 p.m.—Band Selections.

On the Campus (Goldman).

The Goldman Band 19763.

On, Wisconsin (Beck-Purdy).

Varsity Toast—Medley.

University of Wisconsin Concert Band 19900.

Sagamore March (Goldman).

The Chimes of Liberty March (Goldman).

Arthur Pryor's Band 20311.

6-21-6-35 p.m.—Organ Solos.

Dawn of To-morrow (Green-Gravelle).

When Day is Done (De Sylva-Katscher).

Jesus Crawford 20388.

Estrellita (Ponce).

La Paloma (Yradier).

Jesus Crawford 20586.

6-35-6-49 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

Hano Hano Hawaii,

Hawaiian Moon.

Kane's Hawaiians 20704.

Peni No., Keatumoku Louis 20707.

Garden of Paradise,

6-49-7-23 p.m.—A Concert.

Piano Solo—

Narciso (Nevin),

Rustle of Spring (Sinding),

Hans Barth 20212.

Song—

Mighty Lak' a Rose (Stanton-Nevin).

Vaughn De Leath (Soprano)

20664.

Instrumental Trio—

Serenade (Schubert),

Titi's Serenade (Titi),

Neopolitan Trio 10905.

Song—

Marchetta (Schertzinger),

John McCormack (Tenor) 1247.

Violin Solo—

Caprice (Ogarew).

(a) The Bee (Schubert) (b) Waltz in D Flat (Chopin).

Alexander Schmidt 20614.

7-23-7-44 p.m.—Orchestral.

Autumn Thoughts,

Fau, Waltz (Andreeff),

Kirilloff's Balkalka Orchestra 20752.

Dance of the Toy Regiment (Green-Schickert).

Warblings at Eve (Richards),

Victor Salon Orchestra 19840.

Soldier's Joy (Buchenal),

Lady of the Lake (Buchenal),

Victor Orchestra 20502.

7-44-8 p.m.—Four Choruses by the Revellers.

The Birth of the Blues,

Lucky Day 20111.

Nola,

Among my Souvenirs 21100.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8-311-30 p.m.—Relay from Ko Shing Theatre.

11-30 p.m.—Close Down.

N.B.—Commencing on Thursday,

October 1, European Pro-

grammes will begin at 5 p.m.

instead of 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Winter months.

## PRINCE OF WALES.

## An Amusing Holiday Incident.

The Prince was the central figure in an amusing incident which occurred one morning at Bayonne where he spent a holiday recently.

He had been out with friends for a midnight cruise on the Adour River in his speed-boat, and as he neared the landing-stage on his return he held out his hand as a sign to the boat-house keeper that he wanted his boat to be pulled in.

The boatman, a burly Gascon named Laporte, apparently mistaking the signal,

eagerly seized the outstretched hand and shook it warmly.

The Prince smilingly acknowledged the greeting.

Later, when Laporte was being

congratulated by his friends on

having the honour of shaking

hands with the heir to the British

Throne, he replied with a hearty

laugh, "If the Prince had not given

me his hand, he would not have

been able to come in."

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

## COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Forbidden Adventure."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Devil to Pay."

To-day—Central Theatre: "The Love Parade."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Stolen Heaven."

To-day—Star Theatre: "The Bishop Murder Case."

Home Mails.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (President Hoover), 4.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Asama Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

To-morrow—at 3, Kent Road, Kowloon Tong, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

## Meetings.

To-day—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society annual meeting, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., Queen's Theatre, noon.

October 8—Hong Kong Horticultural Society, Jardine, Matheson Co.'s Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

October 9—Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 2 Lower Albert Road, 10.45 a.m.

## CENTENARIAN EARLY RISER.

## "Likes Modern Life."

Unlike most centenarians, Mrs. Christian Sowersby, of Woodberry-grove, Finchley N., who celebrated her 101st birthday recently, thinks modern life is on the whole very good.

But she cannot stand motor-cars.

She had her first ride in one when brought to London from Yorkshire in 1922. "Since then," she said, "I have loathed the sight of them."

Mrs. Sowersby's voice is clear and strong and she enjoys remarkably good health.

This, she attributes to hard work as a farmer's wife.

She has had thirteen children, four of whom are over 70.

Each day Mrs. Sowersby is up soon after eight in the morning, and still does a little work to keep fit.

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ARE  
THRILLS!

with

WILLIAM  
BOYD,  
LILYAN  
TASHMAN

IN



**MURDER BY THE CLOCK**

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### LUTON GARNER TWO POINTS.

Home Scottish Clubs  
Gain Victories.

### BIG SCORING AT DUNDEE.

London, Yesterday.  
The following were the results  
of the three League matches play-  
ed to-day:—

### ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Third Division (South).  
Northampton 1 Luton T. 2

#### Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Brentford	8	6	1	1	15	8	13
Southend U.	8	5	3	0	15	6	13
Fulham	8	6	0	2	29	14	12
Bournemouth	8	5	2	1	20	11	12
Watford	8	5	1	2	28	20	11
Crystal Pal.	8	4	2	2	20	14	10
Luton T.	9	5	0	4	14	11	10
Brighton	8	3	3	2	9	10	9
Cardiff C.	8	3	2	3	16	11	8
Norwich C.	8	3	2	3	12	9	7
Reading	8	3	2	3	11	15	6
Northampton	8	3	2	4	10	10	5
Coventry C.	8	3	1	4	18	20	5
Cheltenham	8	3	1	4	13	18	5
Exeter C.	8	3	1	4	12	15	5
Bristol R.	8	2	3	3	14	14	5
Mansfield T.	8	2	3	3	13	20	5
Queen's R.R.	8	1	4	3	11	15	4
Swindon	8	2	0	6	14	18	4
Torquay U.	8	1	2	5	13	32	4
Thames	8	1	1	6	7	12	4
Gillingham	8	1	1	6	4	18	3

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

#### First Division.

Aberdeen 3 Falkirk 1  
Dundee 6 Third Lanark 3

#### Table to Date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	12	9	2	1	40	13	20
Rangers	11	8	1	2	28	10	18
Kilmarnock	12	8	2	2	25	15	18
Colts	11	6	5	0	35	13	17
Third Lanark	12	7	1	4	28	20	16
Aberdeen	12	6	3	3	19	15	12
St. Mirren	12	6	0	6	16	19	12
Dundee	12	4	4	4	24	23	12
Cowdenbeath	12	4	4	4	21	25	12
Clyde	11	5	1	5	17	18	11
Partick T.	12	5	1	6	23	22	11
Hearts	11	4	2	6	12	16	10
Ardleconian	11	4	1	6	22	24	9
Hamilton A.	12	3	3	6	21	25	9
Queen's Park	12	3	3	6	10	30	9
Dundee U.	12	3	3	6	14	23	8
Morton	11	3	2	6	19	21	8
Leth Ath.	11	3	1	7	11	26	7
Falkirk	12	2	3	7	17	27	5
Argy U.	12	1	3	8	10	33	5

### HOW TO PURCHASE A YEARLING.

Good Balance Essential  
Above All Things.

### BREEDING INTEREST.

Though few owners in Malaya are able to pick and choose recruits for their stables in the first instance, they may be interested to read the following extracts from some advice given by Truth's Turf expert to a correspondent who wrote asking how he should buy a yearling:

"The subject is one which the saying *quot homines, tot sententiae*, applies, but there are, I think, certain cardinal principles which should be kept in mind. Just as no one would knowingly buy a house built on insecure foundations, so the would-be buyer of a yearling should begin by making sure that the animal in question is possessed of good legs and feet. Satisfied on that all-important point, the critic will turn his attention to the suggestion of driving-power offered by the back, loins, and second thighs, noting at the same time whether the ribs are well sprung and the hocks well placed, and it will also be advisable to note the freedom with which he

### PERCY ALLISS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

Wins Unofficial Swedish  
Open Golf Touring.

### LEADS BY FOUR STROKES.

Percy Alliss, the brilliant young English golfer who is attached to the Wannsee Club, Berlin, won the open invitation, which is the unofficial open championship of Sweden, with an aggregate of 287 for 72 holes.

Making a gigantic effort to overtake Alliss, E. Roberts, an Englishman attached to a Stockholm club as coach, created a record for the Baastad course with a first round card of 68.

But this record was of no avail, for Alliss's play was too brilliant for his opponents and he finished up four strokes in front of Roberts, who finished second with 291. W. M. Watt, of Epsom, was third with 300.

The best amateur score was made by Thompson, an American, who returned 306.

### NO AMERICA CUP IN 1932.

### Financial Situation Responsible.

#### AMERICANS' OPINIONS.

London, September 8. It is not expected that Sir Thomas Lipton will issue a challenge for the America's Cup for 1932.

The challenge has to be sent through a yacht club ten months before the date of the race, but American yachtsmen have asked Sir Thomas not to challenge owing to the present financial situation.

Members of the New York Yacht Club have very definitely stated that they do not want a race in 1932. This view is also taken by influential yachtsmen in British waters, and, with such agreement of opinion, yachting people may feel assured that nothing further will be done.

but the latter conformation is by far the less faulty of the two. It would, indeed, never prevent me from buying an otherwise desirable yearling. To my way of thinking, a yearling should above all things be well balanced. By way of explaining this expression a useful hint: in that direction may be gathered by noting the way in which the feet leave the ground. It will nearly always be found that in a well-balanced horse there is no dwelling between each step. Each foot appears to leave the ground without any perceptible "delay," and apropos of the meaning of "balance" an exceptionally sound judge said with regard to a yearling at which he and I were looking: "See the balance of him; if you took away one of his legs he would stand true on the other three."

"I can only hope that some of the necessarily brief suggestions made above may be of some use to my correspondent, but in dealing with a yearling, presumably for racing purposes, all sorts of other considerations arise. What, for instance, about his breeding? Interesting though it be, adequate discussion of the subject is impossible in the space at my disposal, but on general principles it is, I think, advisable to pay attention to the racing record of individual members of his pedigree, especially to those from which he is in descent in tail-female. I would, for instance, prefer a yearling got by a first-class stallion out of a mare with a poor stud book and racing record, but when all is said and done, a yearling selected by the most exacting critic and bought regardless of cost may prove worthless for racing purposes, while another, far less attractive from every point of view, should be possessed of sufficient bone, especially perhaps below the neck."

"Good Balance Essential." It is almost unnecessary to mention that with regard to the forelegs, the horse should neither be back at the knee nor stand over.

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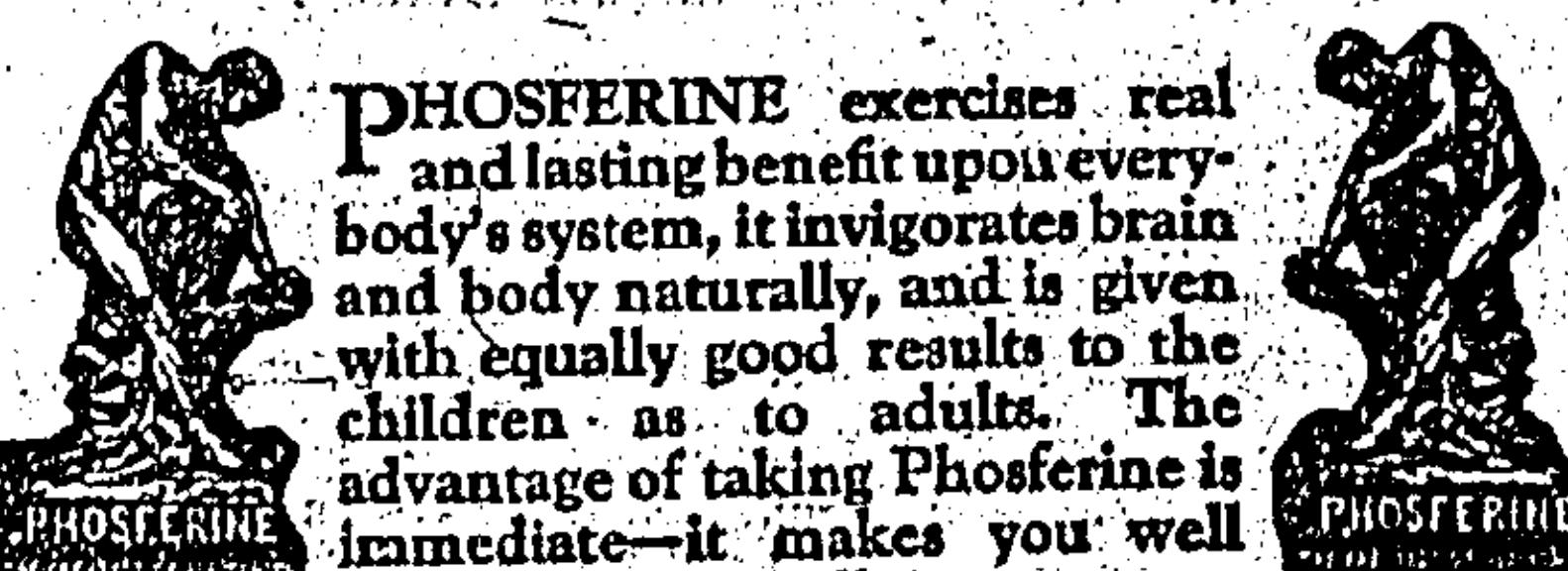
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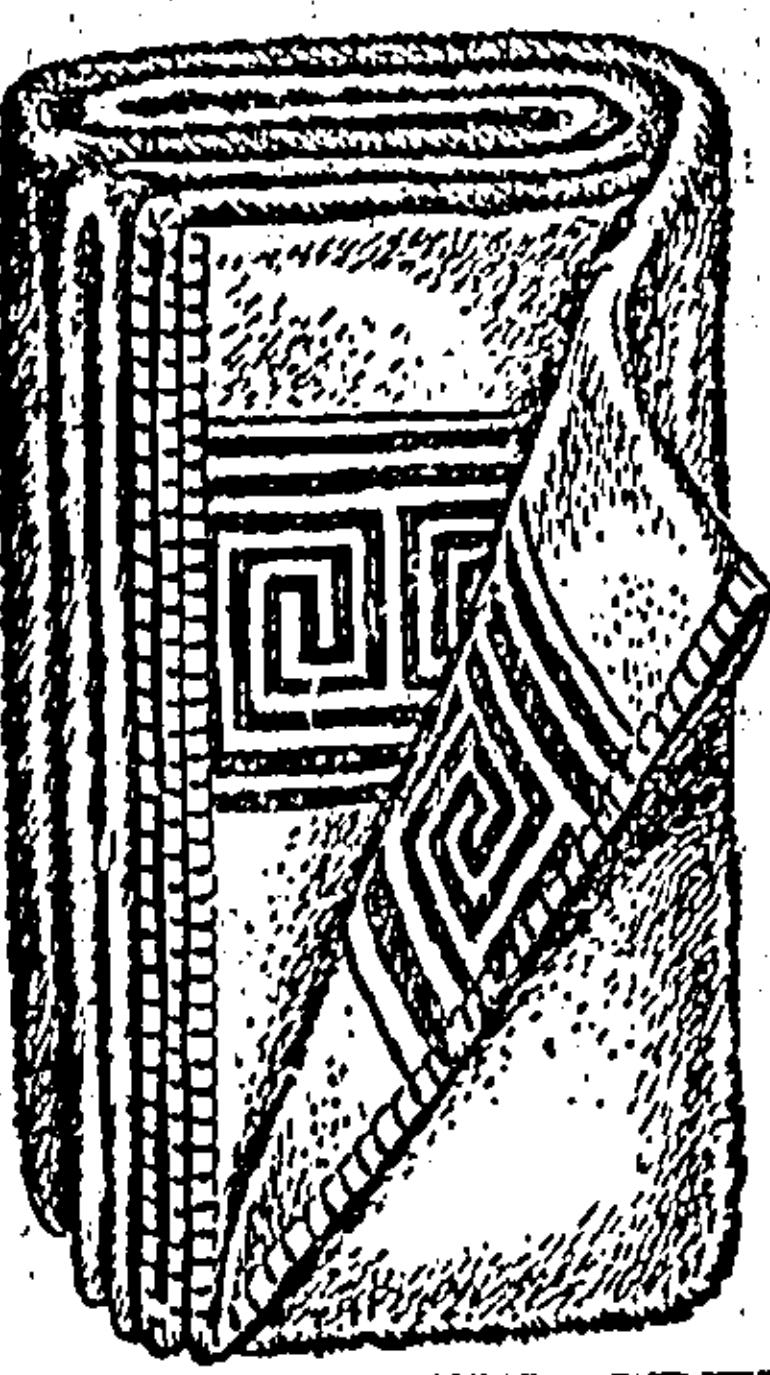
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**State Finance.**

In view of the imminent introduction of the Budget, with possibly still higher taxes and imposts of various kinds, plus a public loan on the horizon, it is interesting to read some views on State finance enunciated by Professor Dr. Richard Reisch, ex-Finance Minister and President of the Austrian National Bank. He points out that the modern State with its multiple tasks is often unable to cover requirements from the current receipts; it must then resort to the expedient of procuring extraordinary receipts, by contracting debts. The necessity for such action may be due to events causing extraordinary big expenditure (wars, war indemnity, floods, bad harvests); or else the State thinks that it should carry out extensive economic tasks which do not allow of an immediate return or which would demand too great sums from private capital, (construction of railways, roads, canals, sanitation, etc.). It often also happens however, that current receipts do not even suffice to cover current expenditure and that the deficit has to be covered by so-called deficit loans.

According to the end and aim of a loan one distinguishes productive and consumptive State loans. In the first case one must distinguish between productive employment of loans which allows immediate and direct returns (such as commercially justified construction of railways, etc.) and those loans which only give indirect returns but give promise of greater receipts or improvements of the economic situation in the future, thus leading to an increase of receipts from taxation. On the other hand the latter consumptive State loans do not give rise to the expectation of any such advantages. Their effect only consists in lightening the present burden at the expense of the future. This procedure need not always be a cause for criticism,

grow older and that they will sooner or later require renewal, modernisation, etc. Nevertheless by reimbursing the debt an increase of the capital funds of general economics is thus obtained, because owing to the persistence of the new sources of income due to the loan, a reimbursement of the money capital used for the establishing of the new source of revenues takes place. Regarding those loans which in a broader sense are to be termed productive loans, a gradual reimbursement of the debt is advisable, because the State will again and again be faced by the occasions of operating similar investments, so that the sum total of the State debt and interest thereon augment more and more and the Budget finally is too much encumbered.

the subject of the fashions of tomorrow. It has been widely noted that women have plucked the bowler hat from men, but it does not seem to have been noticed that the very ludicrous "beach pyjama" craze is merely another instance of women adopting, a little late, a male fashion. Have we forgotten so soon those dreadful examples of undergraduate fashion, the Oxford bags? What are the bench garments of the "modern Eve" but Oxford bags as seen through the eyes of the dressmaker?

So it is that men mannequins have an essential place in the scheme of things—not at all for the purpose of helping men to decide what to wear, but in order that the dictators of feminine fashions may get ideas for something "absolutely new and chic" for 1932. Snapshots of the men mannequins of 1931 should most certainly be treasured by any woman who cherishes any hope of being a little ahead of the latest fashion two years hence. In fact, we may be returning to that provision of Nature which ordains as with birds (though not apparently with glow-worms), that the male shall set the fashions.

**From Other Pens.**

**General Knowledge.**

A small London boy who had not gone to the seaside was having holiday courses in education from a bus top.

"That is the Bank of England," said a proud father to his offspring, who had pilled him with questions during a cross-city journey.

"What is the Bank of England, Dad?"

"Oh, it is the chief of all the banks. It issues bank-notes of all sorts."

"Like the Mint, Daddy?"

"Yes, it is the Mint."

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**The Fothergill Omnibus.**

A fat volume called "The Fothergill Omnibus" will soon be on sale in the bookshops, and no doubt many people will halt in mild surprise before it and ask themselves who this unknown author with the large output is.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Fothergill is not an author by profession; he is an innkeeper, and the book which bears his name is the work of sixteen famous authors who have been his guests.

It is certainly a new idea. To Sheila Kaye-Smith, A. E. Coppage, E. M. Delafield, Rebecca West, J. C. Squire, Thomas Burke, and others he put a plot for a short story, and they each wrote their own variation on the theme.

This is believed to have been the plot: "A man gets into correspondence with a woman, and many letters are exchanged. He meets a girl in the ordinary way and marries her. Happiness, then disillusion result. He writes to the other woman again, and they find that two married people are corresponding."

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**The Inns and Taverns of England.**

With the object of studying the old inns and taverns of England, an American, Mr. Mark H. Haight, is now on a tour through East Anglia, Wales, and Devon and Cornwall. He intends to stop only at wayside taverns, which he considers are the finest institutions in Great Britain.

"In the old English inns," he maintains, "is the history of England, past, present, and future, and by studying the inn, you study history, literature, and music."

"The English inn has been criticised in the United States; but I have always found that it harbours romance and, more materially, provides good meals and accommodation. I propose to gather data for a book I am writing, and for a series of lectures I shall give in New York."

"I want to bring the Americans and the British closer together by the medium of the English inn. I want to induce the American tourist to leave the beaten track of big hotels and explore the byways and old inns of England."

"I want him to realise that when he comes to England, he is coming home. I am an American citizen but my heart is very much in England, and I am proud of my English ancestry."

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**The Dominant Sex.**

The announcement that men mannequins are to be seen on the promenades of the more fashionable seaside resorts may be received with rather mixed feelings by those who have strong opinions on the proper meaning of the word "manly," but it may be pleaded nowadays that without men mannequins women would be completely at sea on

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**SPLENDID HEROISM.**

To the Editor of "China Mail."

Sir, Please allow me a small space in your paper.

On Friday, 26th Inst., at about 12.45 p.m. I witnessed a splendid act of heroism, on the part of Sergt. McRobbie. A howling mob of fiends attacked a Japanese captain who was landing at the end of the motor-boat Jetty just below Wing Lok Street wharf. Apparently Sergt. McRobbie was close in the vicinity and, seeing trouble, dashed single-handed through the mob, to the Japanese captain's assistance, although subjected to a barrage of bamboo poles, boat hooks, stones, fire-woods, etc. He bravely covered the captain's retreat as far as the inside of our gates at Wing Lok Street.

My Chief Officer took in the situation at once, and pluckily dashed down to their assistance. Mr. Carter took over Sergt. McRobbie's revolver, whilst he telephoned for help. During this time showers of stones, bricks, bamboo poles, fish, boxes, etc., were being hurled at them by the frenzied mob.

Unfortunately for me I was clad in a Japanese kimono and sandals. I returned to the ship to pull on a pair of pants and coat, and get my revolver. On returning to the attack, I met my Chief Officer bleeding badly. He had just been struck by a stone. At this moment things looked very ugly. On looking round I saw that the ship's guards had arrived, with revolvers and rifles. I then asked Sergt. Robbie if I could open fire on the mob, on two occasions, but he replied: "Just one moment, Captain."

About this time Sergt. Nolan arrived on his motor cycle and arrested two men from the back. Then other Police Officers arrived in quick time. This put the wind up the cowards to some extent and they started to bolt. The mob then began to melt away and all became quiet.

Yours, etc.,  
E. W. MATTHEWS,  
Master, s.s. Sui An.

Hong Kong, September 29.

**MONEY LEFT.**

**Estate of Mr. E. A. Probst.**

Mr. Edward Alfred Probst, retired merchant, who died at his residence at 14, Hyde Park Gate, London, on April 9 last, left local estate valued at \$262,900. Gross personal estate in the United Kingdom was £76,870, net personally £73,260. Grant of sealing of certified copy of will and codicil has been made to Mr. G. G. N. Tincon, lawfully attorney for the executors, Alice Probst (widow), Francis Allen, and Francis Clifton Brown, C.B., C.M.G., retired Rear-Admiral. The will makes family bequests.

Alexander Sutherland, retired Chinese Customs officers, left local estate valued at \$41,100. He died in Edinburgh on August 25, 1930, his estate in the United Kingdom amounting to £14,148. Resealing of certified copy of testamentary testament of unfile of the will has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, attorney for the executors, Christina Sutherland, and George Dunnett Sutherland.

top of a dressing table and the impressions of Egan's palm, taken while in Brixton Prison, had a great many ridge characteristics which were in agreement, and he had no doubt that the palm marks were made by Egan.

Egan pleaded guilty to all four charges.

Inspector Cherrill declared, after the hearing of the case, that he had been studying the possibility of the application of palm prints to crime detection, and considered that in time it might prove as effective as the existing finger-print system.

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**News in Brief.**

**Personal Pairs.**

A year ago to-day H.E. the Governor invested Mr. D. W. Tratman with the C.M.G. decoration, M. R. M. Dyer with the C.B.E., and Mrs. L. Morris and Lieut. Stephens (Somerset L.I.) with the M.B.E. Orders.

Yesterday afternoon His Excellency the Governor performed the opening ceremony of the Tang Chi Ngong School of Chinese studies, which is the result of a scheme formulated in 1928 by Sir Cecil Clementi, and the University authorities for developing the Chinese syllabus of the University into a Chinese Department or Faculty.

The Committee of the Diocesan Boys' School and Orphanage announce, with much regret, that the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., who is at present on furlough will not be returning to the School. He took up his appointment as head master on May 1, 1918, and for the past thirteen years has rendered valuable service to the School during a time of exceptional difficulty.

The termination of his connection with it will be learned with regret by the many old boys who have passed through his hands as well as by the friends and supporters of the School. Pending the appointment of a successor the Rev. H. du T. Pyner will continue to act as head master.

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**PALM PRINTS.**

**New Plan for Tracing Criminals.**

The extension of the finger-print system to palm prints as a means of identifying accused persons by the Metropolitan Police was mentioned for the first time in evidence in a case at Wimbledon Police Court.

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## LONDON—A CITY TRANSFORMED

Hundreds of Thousands Crowd Streets.

## FLOOD-LIGHTING.

## Staid City of Business in New Disguise.

More than 1,000,000 additional people were concentrated in the Central London district on the night of September 1 to see the flood-lighting display. Traffic had to be diverted, and in some parts was brought to a standstill. Hundreds of trams stood end to end from Waterloo to Westminster Bridges without a gap. Trafalgar Square was impassable, and when theatres and cinemas closed conditions became chaotic. London has never seen worse traffic confusion.

## Splendour of Light.

London—staid city of business and finance—was snatched at night by glamour.

For three hours she was caught and held by the splendour of light—a great burst of it, shimmering that she is hostess to the International Illumination Congress.

Londoners in their thousands were attracted, wandering on foot, in private cars, charabancs, and taxis, up and down the streets, ecstatic but perhaps a little puzzled by the new-found beauties of their city. Even the oldest Londoner could come on aspects or effects as strange as though he were in China—or having a dream.

## The Wizardry of Watts.

At a score of points the elderly lady was plucked from her respectable seat and transformed, by the wizardry of the watts, into an extremely attractive debutante. Buildings and monuments that have grown grey with time stood suddenly in pale splendour, confronting one another with a kind of unfamiliar familiarity.

Thousands jammed the pavement and clustered along the parapets. Traffic was held up for a quarter of an hour at a time, and there were usually four or five lines of it waiting patiently to proceed in one direction. Trams could only go at a painful crawl, ploughing jigger-mau-like through the people, many of whom found that the best way of making progress was to run along behind them, writes the Daily Telegraph's Special Representative.

Westminster Bridge had an unlooked-for illumination of its own provided by the string of lighted trams marooned upon it by the crush.

Where Bridge Street and Westminster Bridge meet the Embankment traffic congestion was at its worst. Perspiring police and tramway officials strove to cope with the many "frozen" streams coming from all sides.

Beneath the placid glare of electricity—the warm orange of a strange Big Ben, the flaming pink of a stranger Somerset House—the scene was a weird one, as though London were on fire and her people fleeing.

## Palace's Superb Climax.

Parliament Square contained further great crowds of people and vehicles, flanked by Big Ben, with a nocturnal appearance comparable for once to his rich nocturnal voice, and the towers of Westminster Abbey, soaring together in beauty revealed their every architectural detail pointed and emphasised by the light.

Whitehall was another choked thoroughfare, with many parallel lines of cars extending half-way down its length and dense crowds on the pavements.

A further tremendous jam was to be seen in the Strand, while in

## SIX ISLANDS FOUND

## Others Non-Existent.

We reached the northern point of Nova Zembla on August 23. Exploration of the eastern region in the direction of Soltis Island has had to be abandoned owing to the impassability of the ice.

The extremely bad weather has greatly disturbed our programme. Our attempt to get through to the Austrian Channel by way of Bay Sound also had to be given up owing to the state of the ice.

We have, however, made important discoveries in the British Chan-

nel. South-west of Karl Alexander Island we found a new group of five islands. We have also established the fact that the Harmsworth and Alfred Islands do not exist, but that where they are supposed to be separated by strait there is a new island.

We have either fog or ice, or severe storm always with us. The journey is, therefore, very rigorous, and the primitive conditions under which we travel make the voyage severely and painfully felt.

This Malggin is an ice-breaker specially sent out by the Soviet Government to carry out scientific investigations.

## VICE-SQUAD OF ONE.

## A Hunt for London's Fraiser Moments.

## L.C.C. PSYCHOLOGIST CONFUSED

Is London a "hotbed of vice"? Professor Cyril Burt, psychologist in the L.C.C. Education Department, has been quoted as saying: "Undoubtedly Paris is a much more respectable place than London nowadays.... The great talk in the Parisian family is on the question: 'Is it safe to send my little daughter to London, that horrible hotbed of vice?'"

A Special Correspondent of a London newspaper set out a vice-squad of one, in search of London's Fraiser moments.

He stepped up to a policeman, not far from Leicester Square.

"How about vice?" he said. "Would you say London was well-off in that respect?"

"Well," the Peeler replied, after thinking deeply, "There's the greyhound races."

"No, no, I didn't quite mean that. Let me put it this way: Supposing I were a young girl wandering alone after dark—what would become of me?"

"I expect the robins would come hopping along and cover you up with leaves," he said, and left me.

Next he tried a police-sergeant, who laughed at the idea.

"I've been round the world," he said, "and I can honestly say that London is 100 per cent better than any foreign city I've seen."

The secretary of the Travellers' Aid Society for Girls and Women admitted that among the foreign girls who were met at the railway stations it was sometimes noticeable that there was a feeling of trepidation concerning the morals of Britain.

Yesterday afternoon, he was the guest of honour at a tea party given in the Union Hall by the University Union. Mr. K. T. Lake, Chairman of the Union, presided over a gathering numbering about 250.

Many eulogistic speeches were made, and the guest of the evening was presented with a suitably inscribed silver cigarette case by the hockey team of which he was captain.

## DR. C. T. WANG.

## House Strongly Guarded.

## WILL RECOVER.

Nanking, Yesterday. Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, has received medical attention and been transferred to his own house. He has three ugly wounds in his chest, cuts and abrasions in his head and minor injuries to the body and legs. There is no immediate fear for his life.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has thrown a strong military guard round the house, with instructions to shoot to kill anyone forcing an entrance.

It is learned that most of this morning's rioters were students from Shanghai, and it is stated that a further 2,000 are on their way here.

To meet this phase, instructions have been issued to detain the train at Chinkiang so that troops can search it. Reuter.

## FAREWELL PARTY.

## Mr. A. B. Suliman for Johore.

Mr. A. B. Suliman, an undergraduate of the Arts Faculty of the University, and Chairman of Lugard Hall, his many friends in the Colony will regret to learn, is leaving Hong Kong to return to Johore.

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Players, too, have been "employed"—only to remain idle. One star, after appearing in a film, was under contract at £200 a week for a year—without ever playing a part.

## CHINA EXHIBITION.

In the current issue of the Hong Kong Naturalist, Mr. Soame Jenyns in an article on "Our Local Oyster" uses the phrase "ever since eating became an art and ceased to be a barbaric necessity." The Chinese were probably the first nation to raise eating from barbaric necessity into an art and it is most appropriate that an exhibition of Chinese art and culture should include a Chinese Restaurant among its attractions. In other parts of the exhibition, the art of the painter, of the ivory carver, and of the worker in silver and brass may be protected by the words "please do not touch," but the cook asks for no such barrier; he is set up before his masterpieces; they must not merely be looked at but tasted and eaten.

Our cook can produce as good a meal to-day as he produced yesterday.

Many Europeans, to their great loss, have never tasted Chinese food—they are shy of entering a Chinese restaurant—they do not know what to order—they have no Chinese friends.

At the China Exhibition, the menu will be printed in both Chinese and English.

Advice on the choice of dishes will

be given by the young ladies who serve the tables; and lessons will be given in the use of chopsticks.

In short, the path of the novice will be made easy.

Many people are already inviting their friends to dinner parties at the China Exhibition Restaurant.

It is something new in the entertainment line, and the dates are worth noting—November 5, 6, and 7 at the City Hall.

A DYING INDUSTRY.

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mers at North London Court for working horses in an unfit state, the police veterinary surgeon explained that the animals were lame through being badly shod.

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## THE ECONOMY WAVE

## AT HOLLYWOOD.

## Comedy of the Golden Chariot.

## FILM STUDIO WASTE.

The American bankers who now control the film business demand economy. Already they have made several companies curtail production and weed out people from their staffs. What the bankers have to deal with is indicated by the following stories quoted by Reuter from Hollywood.

There was the case of the golden chariot. "We must have a golden chariot," decided the director.

With a great deal of fuss and at enormous cost the golden chariot was accordingly built, and when it was finished it dawned on the film company concerned that it had been constructed inside a building with four brick walls, so one of the walls had to be knocked down to get the chariot outside.

And then, when it was taken through the demolished wall, the director said that he could not use it, as the sequence in which it should have appeared had already been taken.

Similarly, during the production of "Hit the Deck," a ship set was built which was so large that it filled the stage, with the result that there was no room for the camera, so a hole had to be torn out of the wall for that. Then, there was the revue film "The March of Time," made at an estimated cost of £80,000 or so. When it was completed revues were out of fashion, and it was never released.

Many other films have had to be remade because of the fear of the censors, change in public taste, and other reasons.

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## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

## Danger of Identity Papers.

It is somewhat paradoxical that in France, where everyone is armed to the teeth with identity papers, cases of mistaken identity are far more common than in Britain, where thousands of people do not even possess a passport. A case revealing the positive danger of identity papers was recently cleared up, but not until the victim had been made to suffer very serious embarrassment.

His name is Maurice Blondel. He is a lieutenant and has a brilliant record. Recently he was ordered to report to his commanding officer, who very gravely informed him that he had just been declared bankrupt in Paris. Lt. Blondel protested that he had no business interests whatever and no financial trouble.

"That is not all," he was told. "You have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment by the Seine Tribunal for fraud." The report of the case was placed before the lieutenant. He had to admit that the name of the condemned man, his age, and his place of birth were the same as his own. Lt. Blondel was placed under arrest, and an application was made to the Grand Chancery of the Legion of Honour for his name to be struck off the roll of the Legion, of which he is a member.

On the eve of his appearance before a commission of inquiry the truth was established. A rogue, for whom the police had been searching a long time, had obtained possession of identity papers belonging to Maurice Blondel.

SURPRISE FOR A MOTORIST.

Returning at midnight to his car, which he had left unattended in a street, a Derby motorist found a month-old baby asleep in it.

Attached to the clothing was a note which read: "Please keep my baby. I have no money and no work and am desperate."

The baby was handed over to the police.

During the hearing of two sum-

mers at North London Court for

working horses in an unfit state,

the police veterinary surgeon explained

that the animals were lame through

being badly shod.

It is very difficult to get horses well shod now,"

he said. "There is so little work

for farriers that the best of them

are going into something else."

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#### NOTICE.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that after the expiration of one month, unless the debts contracted by Monsieur Agostini della Porta are paid his effects will be sold.

**HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL.**  
28th September, 1931.

#### LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

**THE ANNUAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT** will be held during the months of October and November. Full particulars, with entry forms, may be obtained from the

Hong Kong, September 29, 1931.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE Undersigned have received** instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

**WEDNESDAY, September 30, 1931.**  
commencing at 10.30 a.m., at No. 3, Kent Road,

Kowloon Tong.

**A Quantity of**

**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD**

**FURNITURE.**

On View from Tuesday, September 29, 1931.

**TERMS:**—Cash on Delivery.

**LAMMERT BROS.**  
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Hong Kong, September 26, 1931.

#### THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD., COPENHAGEN.

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Hong Kong, 29th September, 1931.

**COMPANY MEETINGS**

#### THE HONG KONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Tenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the offices of the General Managers, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong, on **FRIDAY, October 9** at 10.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, Declaring a Dividend, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from September 25 to October 9, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,

**J. D. THOMSON.**

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, September 19, 1931.

#### SPORTS NOTICES.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

**DRAFT PROGRAMMES** and ENTRY FORMS for the NINTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 10th October, 1931, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, Causeway Bay Stables and the Secretary's Office.

Entries CLOSE at 12 o'clock

Noon, on THURSDAY, 1st October, 1931.

Hong Kong, 26th Sept., 1931.

#### INWARD MAIIS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Java via Sourabaya.

Shanghai and Swatow.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

Shanghai and Amoy.

Japan.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Japan.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Japan and Shanghai.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3.

Europe via Nagapatan (Letters and Papers).

London, Sept. 3.

#### OUTWARD MAIIS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco.

President Hoover

(Due San Francisco October 20)

and Europe via Siberia)

Parcels..... Sept. 29. Noon.

Registration..... 8.45 p.m.

Letters..... 4.30 p.m.

Tai Ming..... 4 p.m.

Ningchow..... 5 p.m.

Borneo..... 5 p.m.

Van Heuts..... 6 p.m.

Asama Maru..... Sept. 29, 4.30 p.m.

K.P.O..... Sept. 30, 8.30 a.m.

G.P.O..... Sept. 30, 8.30 a.m.

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Tai Ming..... 10 a.m.

Shantung..... 10.30 a.m.

Taiwan..... 3.30 p.m.

Ching Shing..... 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 1.

Hydrangea..... 8 p.m.

Linan..... 8.30 p.m.

New Mathilde..... 6 p.m.

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#### GENERAL NOTICES.

##### REMINDER.

##### HONG KONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

##### THE 60TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the above Society will be held in the City Hall, on TUESDAY, September 29, 1931, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending August 31, 1931, and of electing office-bearers for the ensuing year, etc.

DAVID S. ROBB,

Joint Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, September 19, 1931.

#### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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S.S. CARIGNANO (cargo boat)	Oct. 20	Nov. 1	
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HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 8th October.
HIYE MARU	Tuesday, 3rd November.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 3rd October.
HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 17th October.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 24th October.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 21st November.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
TANGO MARU	Tuesday, 18th October.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
RAKUYO MARU	Thursday, 15th October.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
+ LISBON MARU	Wednesday, 21st October.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	
+ LIMA MARU	Sunday, 11th October.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
+ PENANG MARU	Thursday, 1st October.
+ HAKODATE MARU	Thursday, 8th October.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
+ MITO MARU	Friday, 2nd October.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 3rd October.
+ TOTTORI MARU	Saturday, 3rd October.
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via S. SALGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DURBAN & CAPE TOWN.	Santos Maru	Fri.	2nd Oct.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZA, BETH & CAPE TOWN.	Arizona Maru	Wed.	7th Oct.
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	6th Oct.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Hokuroku Maru	Tues.	6th Oct.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Indus Maru	Fri.	9th Oct.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sun.	11th Oct.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.	Hague Maru	Sat.	3rd Oct.
Call Direct to Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Havre Maru	Sat.	3rd Oct.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Bolawan Dell & Colombo.	Hamburg Maru	Fri.	2nd Oct.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Menado Maru	Thurs.	1st Oct.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhol (Frequently).	Hozan Maru	Sun.	4th Oct.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 t.m. every second day).	Canton Maru	Sun.	11th Oct.
JAPAN PORTS via Keelung.	Dell Maru	Thurs.	8th Oct. (10 a.m.)

For further particulars please apply to:  
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Telephone 23941.

**Shipping Intelligence.**
**FREIGHTER TOWED  
1,335 MILES.**
**Safe in Auckland After  
Accident at Sea.**

The freighter City of Kimberley, towed by the motor-ship Opawa, arrived in Auckland, New Zealand, recently after a tow of 1,335 miles following the breaking of the tailshaft and the loss of her propeller on June 21.

Captain Wooster, master of the disabled vessel, describing the mishap, said that a violent vibration occurred just after lunch. The engines were stopped when it was found that the propeller had been carried away and portion of the tailshaft had broken off. The Opawa arrived in answer to an S.O.S. signal, and the two vessels were connected by 7,560 feet of chain anchor cable and 540 feet of wire hawser.

The City of Kimberley made no water, and the hull is believed to be undamaged. Captain Wooster thinks that the vessel struck a submerged object.

Although no decision has been reached regarding Australian cargo by the disabled vessel, it will probably be transhipped, as the ship will undergo repairs here.

**SOUTH AMERICAN  
CHARTERING.**
**Heavy Grain  
Freights.**

Unusual activity in the chartering of ships for the River Plate is arousing some comment in shipping circles.

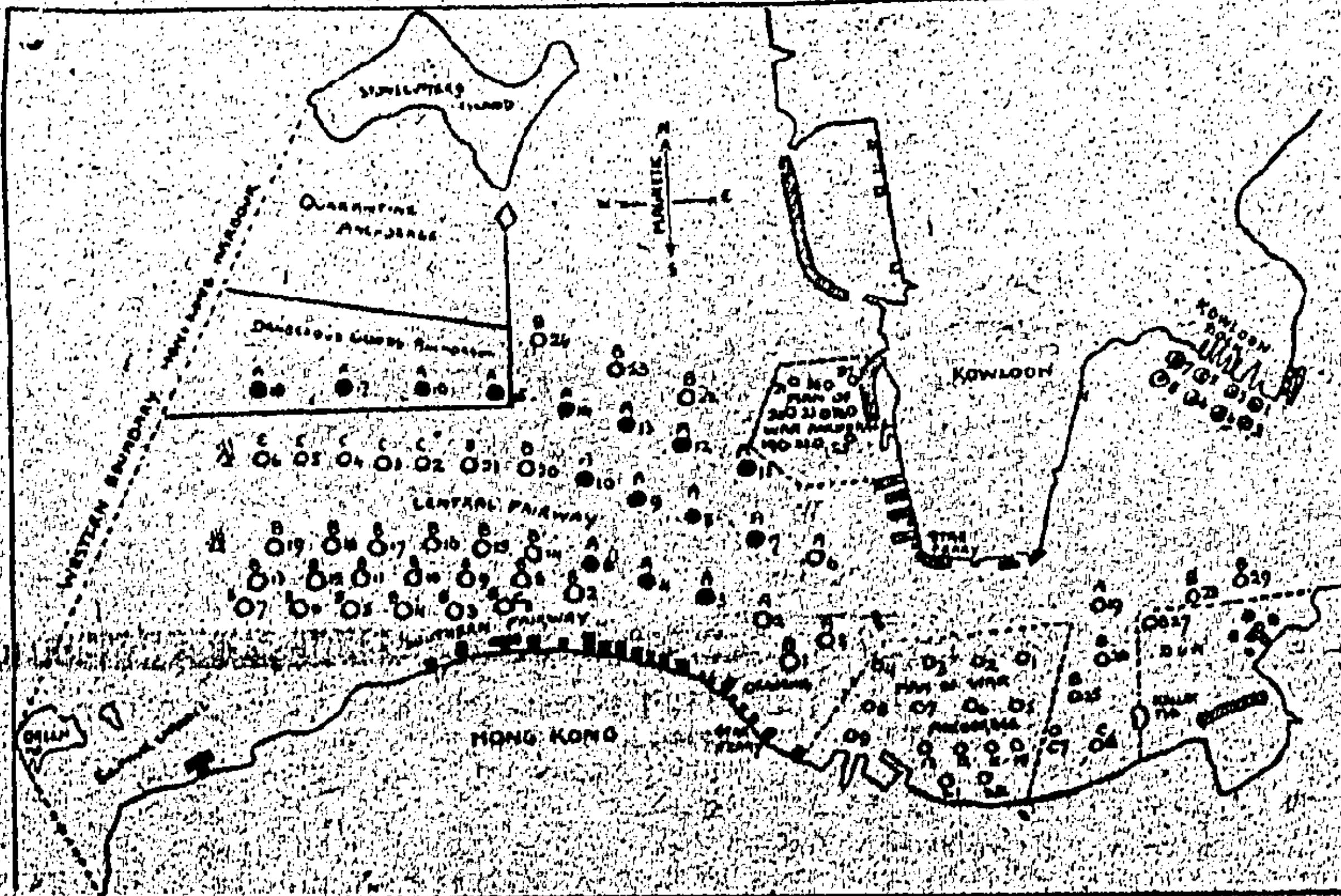
Fifty vessels, of 300,000 total tonnage, have been chartered on the Baltic for the River Plate—an exceptional figure, in view of the fact that in the corresponding period last year the figures were only half that total.

In spite of this activity, rates remained practically stationary. The majority of these fifty vessels will go out to South America in ballast. Rates are approximately 18s. for prompt vessels of 7,000 and 8,000 tons, and 19s. for handy steamers of about 6,500 tons. The bulk of the business has been transacted for the latter class.

Little or no profit is anticipated by the steamship owners at these rates, but they are anxious, where possible, to keep their vessels in commission rather than to lay them up.

The cargoes from the River Plate will be grain, chiefly wheat and maize.

In view of their many disappointments in recent years, owners are not inclined to attribute any particular significance to the present revival, and they do not consider that the week's activities can be regarded as in any sense a herald of general recovery.

**BUOY PLAN OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.**

**WARSHIPS IN PORT.**

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:-  
Cornflower—North wall.  
Magnolia—North wall.  
Medway—in dock.  
Moth—South wall.  
Phoenix—East wall.  
Sopay—North arm.  
Seraph—North arm.  
Sorapis—Kowloon wharf.  
Sterling—Kowloon wharf.  
Stormcloud—North arm.  
Submarines—West wall (dock).  
Tamar—Basin.  
Foreign Man-of-War.  
Argus—French gunboat.

**PASSENGER LIST.**
**ARRIVALS.**

Per s.s. President Hoover from Manila, September 28:-  
Mrs. L. Dleteker, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elkinton, D. D. Guam, Miss E. Habana, P. J. Herold, Mrs. C. E. Haygood, Mrs. D. de Jison, A. Jison, Miss B. Leech, E. Montinola, Miss I. Montinola, Judge and Mrs. A. R. Teodoro, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. West, Miss I. West, Mrs. M. Weinzheimer, son and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Winterhaler, J. H. Raikes, Mrs. Margaret Hasler.

**CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.**

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Gaelic Star are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after September 30.  
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Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 7
Empress of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8	Dec. 10	Dec. 12
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KASHMIR	9,000	24th Oct.	Marseilles, I'don, R'dam & A'werp.
BURDWAN	6,500	31st Oct.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	7th Nov.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHIGAR	6,000	21st Nov.	Marseilles, London; Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Dec.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	16,000	19th Dec.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
BOMALI	6,800	20th Dec.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination:
SIRDHANA	8,000	6th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	18th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	8,000	29th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

†Calls Rangoon. \*Calls Port Swettenham.

## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination:
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Oct.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
NELLORE	7,000	4 p.m. 31st Oct.	& Melbourne.
TANDA	7,000	2nd Dec.	

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination:
NELLORE	7,000	1931. 5th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KIDDERPORE	5,500	6th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
SANTHIA	8,000	9th Oct.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NALDERA	16,000	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	22nd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
Macedonia	11,000	24th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,000	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	6th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	7,000	6th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	5th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
KARHALA	9,000	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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## WATER LEVELS.

### Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:

	Sept. 26	Sept. 27
West River at Shihliung	5.8	5.6
North River at Samshui	6.4	6.3
North River at Tsingyuen	4.0	4.6
East River at Sheklung	4.4	4.2

The highest levels recorded are:—Shihliung, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Sheklung, 11.5 feet.

The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Sheklung.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

September 27.

Kaitana, British str., 1,208 tons, Capt. Christie, from Samarinda, buoy No. C8.—Williamson & Co.

Nanchang, British str., 1,468 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Ranella, Norwegian str., 3,872 tons, Capt. C. Morland, from Tarkkan, North Point Wharf—A.P.C.

Toba Maru, Japanese str., 4,283 tons, Capt. Y. Matsuto, from Manila, buoy No. A8.—N.Y.K.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Amps, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Col. Di Lana, Italian str., 3,709 tons, Capt. N. Suttor, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Doddwell & Co.

Carona, Norwegian str., 1,958 tons, Capt. O. Kleite, from Chingwangtao, buoy No. B24.—Doddwell & Co.

Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Swane, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Elpenor, British str., 4,824 tons, Capt. R. J. Wilson, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

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Kanan Maru, Japanese str., 1,877 tons, Capt. Sugimoto, from Dairen, buoy No. B24.—D.K.K.

Kwalsang, British str., 1,485 tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from Swatow, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Newchwang, British str., 1,480 tons, Capt. J. Atkins, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Pres. Hoover, American str., 12,986 tons, Capt. Anderson, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Doddwell S.S. Line.

Santo Maru, Japanese str., 1,820 tons, Capt. Yoshioka, from Dairen, buoy No. A12.—D.K.K.

Tean, British str., 1,851 tons, Capt. J. Pringle, from Canton, Takuoo Dock.—B. & S.

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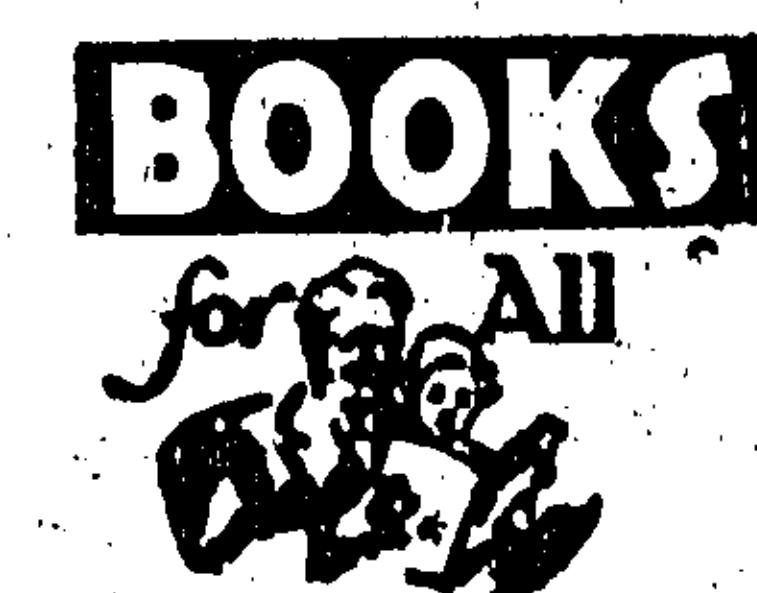
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## RADIO TOPICS

## A LISTENER'S LOG.

Talk of Empire  
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## ROMANTIC PLANS.

Daventry has already won European fame; now there are indications that the name of this somewhat obscure English borough may be trumpeted to the ends of the earth. It is stated that Mr. Whitley, chairman of the B.B.C. is showing great interest in an Imperial broadcasting venture which would make Daventry the starting-point, as it were, of a mobile short-wave transmitter. The plans, which are wrapped in mystery, have yet to be discussed at the Colonial Office; it can be said, however, that opinion is hardening in favour of locality transmission experiments as opposed to the more familiar method of juggling with the wave-length. It is believed to be quite possible that, while transmission from Chelmsford may not reach India satisfactorily, signals on exactly the same wave-length may get there if transmitted from, say, Derbyshire or the Lake District.

Sometimes you will hear them add: "They seem to be taking a long time about finishing it." But these people, like nearly everybody else, have seen nothing but those outer walls. They can have hardly so much as a notion of the complexity of construction, decoration and installation behind them. The outer walls are indeed complete, but within them the most important and difficult work is only now beginning.

For this new headquarters of the B.B.C. is many buildings in one: an office block, a theatre, a series of concert halls, an elaborate electric plant, all ingeniously inter-connected, insulated, and stowed within that one impressively simple shell, going up eight floors into the sky, and down three floors into the ground.

## Two Million Bricks.

Having penetrated inside it, I am almost bewildered by the complexity of the place.

"There are 250 offices actually ready for occupation now," they told me.

In shape the huge mass is a blunt-nosed, flat-iron. The ground floor of the nose is the entrance hall from which the entrances are on the general principle of "staff to the right." Above this hall is one of the most striking rooms I ever saw, the Council Chamber, a high, semi-circular place, entirely panelled in light oak, but as yet unfurnished. In the centre of the curved side is a fireplace, one of the only two real fireplaces in the building. The other is in a smaller room above, Sir John Reith's own office, whose windows look straight down to Oxford-circus.

The plain of the offices is that each department has a whole floor to itself, one floor for Accounts, another for Publicity, and so forth. These offices are a ring running the whole way round the building, but they are only a ring, thickest at the nose of the flat-iron, where are also reception-rooms, waiting-rooms, and storerooms, all the premises, in fact, which are not directly concerned in the actual business of broadcasting.

For the core and heart of things is contained in the colossal central tower, sound-proof, cut off completely from the natural light and air, roughly rectangular in shape, and built of two million bricks. It contains 22 studios, none smaller than a good-sized room, several large, and one exactly the size of the average West End theatre; it will hold a thousand people.

Each has its own little cabin, with a glass window between it and the studio, for the engineer who intervenes, for every studio, broadcast, between the microphone and the control room. They are all ventilated, heated in Winter and cooled in Summer, by a plant which is so elaborate that I can't begin to describe it, except to say that 200 tons of special steel ducting has been manufactured for it.

Concealed electric lighting is used throughout, and in the passages the light is to be "artificial day-light," as a preventive of any feeling of depression or gloom. On the top of all the studios except one, which is alongside it, is the nerve centre of all British broadcasting, the Control Room. It is a very long, rather narrow room lit by windows in a sloping wall which is partly roof.

Facing these windows, and running the whole length of the room, is a steel frame, some eight feet high, which is the most astounding wiring panel I ever even imagined. The wires do not just run from it in a maze of threads; there are too many of them for that. They are tightly bound into ropes and cradles, fat bundles lashed against each other until you marvel how any electrician can ever have known where any of them lead, even with the help of a colour-scheme system of insulation.

At a moment's notice an engineer will be able to connect number unpeeped with the rehearsal desk in the dramatic producer's office, or Big Ben with Brookman's Park. I dare not think seriously about

## A ROOM OF WIRES.

A Link With  
Everywhere.

the wires in the place. When you remember that every studio has a microphone, a telephone, a synchronised electric clock, a power point for a vacuum cleaner, electric lights with a secondary wiring system for emergencies—I think we had better not start or we shall remember that the Control Room has to be connected with the Queen's Hall, Big Ben, and the outside broadcast engineers alone know how many restaurants, hotels, and dancing resorts, in the course of its regular business.

Must be Right.

Soon they will begin decorating the studios; one or two are already begun: One wall of the Children's Room studio is already improbably embellished with tiles of green glass—quite a new idea. And then will come the tests. Never mind what a studio looks like, it has got to sound right, and it may be that

the filament has lost emission.

many of these will have to be stripped of their decorations in search of better acoustics, perhaps more than once.

But the B.B.C. hope not. Savoy Hill, that rather ramshackle makeshift of a headquarters, has taught them much. They have planned and built with infinite care, and one thing is quite certain: the new building will not be put into service until it is 100 per cent. efficient.

For it is meant, I believe, to serve British broadcasting for ever.

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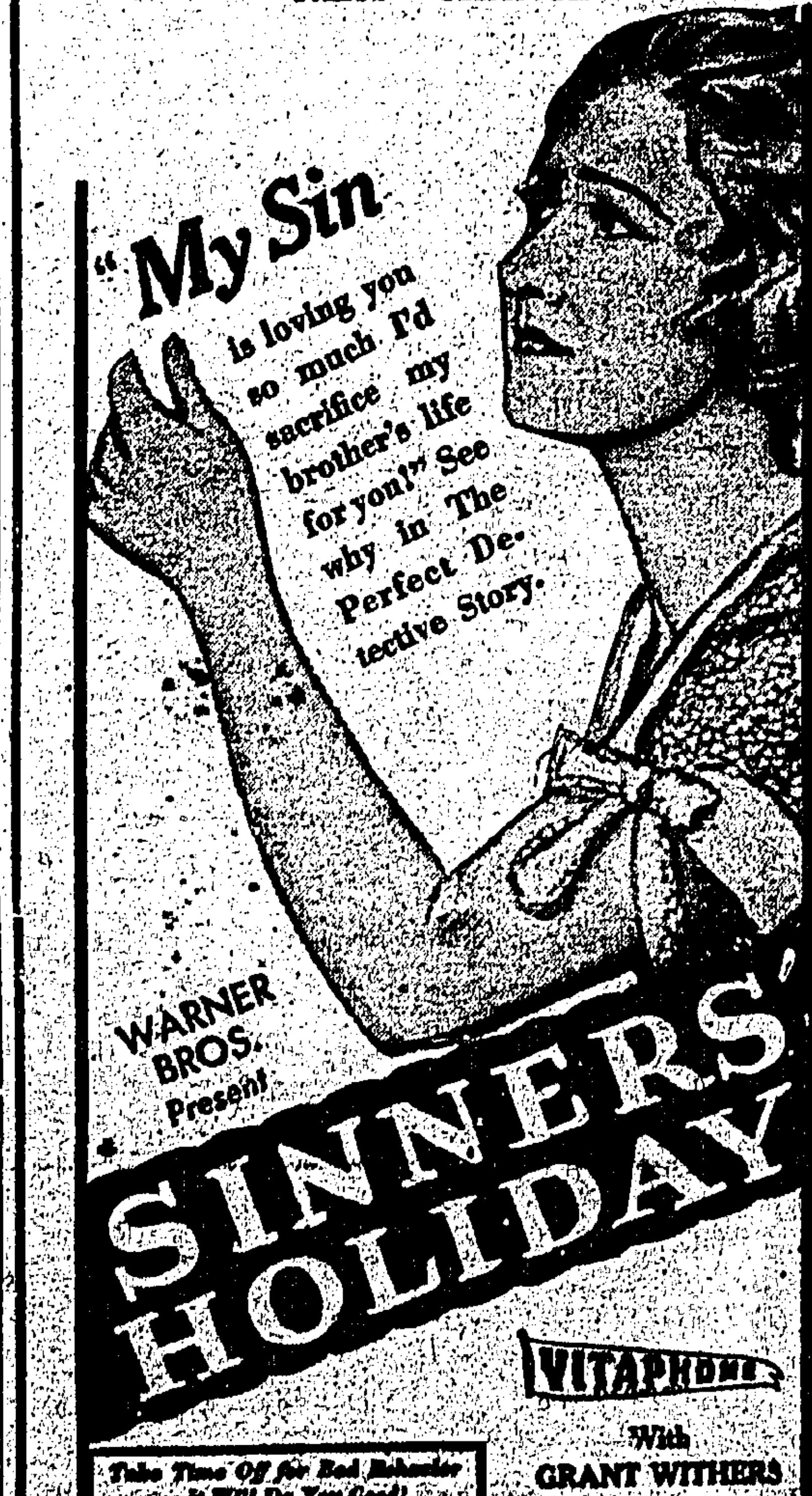
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